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1958 under a provision carried in bills for appropriation funds or Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Committees, and

Whereas, subsidized agricultural drainage is inconsistent with land-use adjustment as provided in bills now before the Congress which recommendations are concurred in by the President of the United States, and

Whereas, cost-sharing for agricultural drainage conflicts with provisions of P. L. 87-383, an Act which authorizes funds for acquiring migratory waterfowl habitat;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that language which "prohibits any changes in the Agricultural Conservation Program which will have the effect of restricting eligibility requirements or cost-sharing on practices included in either the 1957 or 1958 programs" be deleted from such appropriation bills present and future.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

S. 1988 - KUCHEL

Whereas, the United States Senate has passed S. 1988 (Kuchel) Tule Lake-Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuge Bill with amendments suggested by the Department of Interior, which resolved the points of view of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and

Whereas, this measure is pending before the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, this association, in concert with the Pacific Flyway Council and other state and national conservation organizations, has for many years endorsed such a solution to this serious waterfowl problem,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby urge the House of Representatives to act favorably on S. 1988 (Kuchel).

RESOLUTION NO. 7

PURCHASE OF LAND IN FEDERAL LAND AND WATER PROJECTS

Whereas, it is now fully realized that optimum present and future outdoor recreational and fish and wildlife potentials at each Federal Land and Water Project are in proportion to the amount of publicly owned land available for these purposes, and

Whereas, on February 16, 1962, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army jointly agreed to a land acquisition policy related to Federal project lands, providing for the purchase of adequate peripheral lands in fee,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners commends the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army for this farsighted and far-reaching policy and urges its immediate and continuing application in the public interest.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

SURPLUS GAME PROBLEMS WITHIN THE NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has gone on record in the past to the effect that surpluses of big game occurring within National Parks should be subject to game management controls, consistent with similar controls exercised in non-park areas, and

Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior has recently recognized the serious implications of surplus National Park game animals and has evidenced his concern over this problem by appointing a nation-wide committee of outstanding conservationists to advise him relative to a solution to this problem

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association does hereby commend the Secretary of Interior for his recent actions in appointing said committee, and

Be it further resolved that the International Association does hereby call to the attention of this committee past resolutions on this subject, adopted by this association, and

Be it further resolved that this association calls to the attention of the secretary's committee the following management facts bearing on this subject:

1. That state game departments have the responsibility for management of big game herds within the individual states.
2. That many state game departments as a part of this management responsibility must assume a financial obligation for damages done by big game herds associated with this National Park surplus problem.

And be it further resolved that the states do tender the assistance of their big game technicians to aid the Secretary's Committee in arriving at a final recommendation to this problem.